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## HOUSE GRANTS SUFFRAGE REQUEST

Committee to Consider the Claims of Women Authorized by 181-to-107 Vote.

It was just like home in the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon. The question of women came up. Instead of remaining a question, as it usually does, however, there was a vote and, in a way, a decision. The House decided to establish a Committee on Woman Suffrage by a vote of 181 to 107.

The debate was one of the most heated the House has heard in several months of overheated debates. Suffragists sitting in the galleries, and Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin, sitting on the floor of the House, heard themselves styled all sorts of things.

Walsh, of Massachusetts, opposed the measure, declaring he did not wish to yield to the nagging of "iron-jawed women." He was "poor, bewitched, deluded, creature," who, he said, had harried President Wilson in their "short skirts and short hair."

Stanford, of Wisconsin, objected to the creation of a committee because it would constitute recognition of the "outrage" practiced by military suffragists in picketing the White House.

Adamson, of Georgia, could see no reason for a committee on female suffrage because no committee on male suffrage. Blanton, of Texas, turned the laugh that followed, back on Adamson, pointing out that the males now have suffrage and need no committee.

Meeker, of St. Louis, argued there was no need for a constitutional amendment because the women can vote in the States, as they have been doing.

Miss Rankin spoke.

"They are in the habit of asking for something they already have," Meeker declared, "and insisting on getting it." If the House granted the committee plan, he said, it would be a case of "yielding to nagging," because suffrage was deemed certain to come and the House might as well surrender. Blanton, of Alabama, thought it would be as well to confine the nagging to one committee, that on the Judiciary, which was the proper place for such nagging.

Blanton pointed out that suffragists can win the ballot where State laws are reasonable, but that in some places State laws form an almost insurmountable obstacle. She quoted the Constitution to show what must finally be done in the way of legal action before women will win the ballot everywhere.

## "SCIENTIFIC FEEDING" PLANNED FOR ARMY

Board of Officers to Visit Camps and Inspect Menus.

Surg. Gen. Gorham has organized a food division of the Army Medical Corps. Part of four officers and eight men will make the rounds of all the camps here and abroad and carefully survey all food as to its nutritive value.

All the officers commissioned for this service are skillful physiologists and biochemists. They will be given courses at the army school for cooks and bakers, and at the food-testing laboratory of the Department of Agriculture.

They will be qualified to instruct men in the best way to prepare food, and to inspect the proper construction of menus. The aim of the new division is to secure the highest nutritive value for the least money, and to see that the food is served in a palatable and useful way.

The work will be under the direction of Maj. John H. Murlin, formerly of the Cornell Medical College, assisted by Capt. Caspar Miller, of Philadelphia; Frank C. Gephart, of New York; and Lieut. A. W. Thomas, of Washington, and N. P. Butcherick, of Washington.

## BRANDS DYNAMITE STORY AS "FAKE"

Brace Bielaski Says Germans Were Not Plotting Here.

Admission last night by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, that Ernest Knott, 33, 709 Thirtieth street northwest, and George A. Tiverty, 25, 403 H street northwest, who were arrested last Saturday on the complaint of Federal agents, and who were "held for investigation," were in no way implicated in a plot to dynamite the water pipes leading into Washington from Great Falls established the fact that the reports published to that effect last Sunday were a "fake."

Ernest Knott was released from the Third police precinct yesterday afternoon and was entirely vindicated of any wrongdoing. It was learned from Mr. Bielaski that Tiverty was still being held at the Fifth precinct for other matters, "not in any way connected with the Federal government."

It was said by Mr. Bielaski that Tiverty had been arrested because of the headline of the dynamite from the Maryland Gold Mine Company.

## AMERICAN PRIEST WINS HONOR ABROAD

Rev. Dr. Sauvage Awarded Medal for Distinguished Conduct.

Rev. Dr. George M. Sauvage, C. S. C., formerly professor of dogmatic theology at Holy Cross College and of psychology at Catholic University, has been decorated by the British government. He has received the "medal of distinguished conduct" in recognition of efficient services rendered by him while with the British expeditionary force.

He was official interpreter and chaplain.

## Argentina Torn 'Twixt War Problem and Strike

The Argentine house of representatives is again debating the question whether the railroad strike or the issue with Germany should be dealt with first. A motion to give preference to the strike problem has been rejected.

## Maximum Price of \$68 Put On Steel Sold in America By Order of the President

Wall Street Had Anticipated Ruling by Government and Market Was Practically Unaffected—Will Cost Ship Board \$30,000,000.

A maximum price of \$65 for all steel sold in the United States was announced yesterday by President Wilson. The minimum price is \$58, or the same as has been paid by the navy on all its contracts for several months.

The steel trade and the market had been preparing for the government's announcement for weeks and there was hardly a flurry in Wall Street when the figures became known. It was stated last night that there may be declines in the market, but that eventually the government's prices will stabilize the market and the entire industry.

### Steel Prices Cut Hard.

The cuts in price made by the government cover not only the galvanized product but all the steel materials entering into steel manufacture, and range from 4.1 per cent to 7.6 per cent, the largest cut being in steel plates.

Aside from the effect upon the steel industry, the government's price fixing will cost the United States Shipping Board approximately \$30,000,000.

The board of the United States Shipping Board or Fleet Corporation contracts have been made on a \$50 basis, with the understanding that it should be added to or subtracted from when the government fixed the steel price.

One of the first stipulations in the President's announcement was that there should be no reduction in the present scale of wages paid by the steel plants. One of the strongest objections made to the new prices by the steel magnates was that they were too low to maintain the present scale of wages, and that if wages were cut, labor troubles would be up to their plants and prevent a continuation of maximum production.

Figures produced by the Federal Trade Commission, however, convinced the War Industries Board that the higher wages could be paid, the price cut and a fair margin of profit left to the manufacturer.

The steel prices were voluntarily agreed upon at a conference Saturday between representatives of the industry and members of the War Industries Board. The prices were submitted to President Wilson, who approved them.

Official Prices.

Iron ore, at lower lake ports, \$3.00 per ton; the market price, coke, at Connellville, \$6 per ton, as against a market price of \$10, a reduction of 40 per cent.

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## WILSON AVERTS SHIPPING TIE-UP

Labor Secretary Believes "Loot, Then Burn" Was Pacifists' Slogan, I. W. W. Trial Shows.

Secretary William B. Wilson, of the Department of Labor, was the recipient yesterday of many congratulations for what seems to be an amicable adjustment of the Pacific Coast labor troubles, which has tied up more than \$100,000,000 worth of shipbuilding contracts and involved more than 20,000 workers in the several trades of ship construction for the past ten days.

While the plans of adjustment are merely tentative, Secretary Wilson expressed definite agreements will be reached by Wednesday or Thursday which will be satisfactory to both sides.

The Labor Department yesterday from John A. Moffit, conciliator of labor disputes, announcing that the difference between the 800 striking clerks and shop men of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., involving wages and hours, had been settled and the men had returned to work.

Many Adjustments Reached.

Adjustments of differences involving rates of pay are rapidly and promptly being obtained, a number having already been reached. No serious situation is anticipated by the department.

Officers of the numerous organizations affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America have worked in co-operation with the officials of the government and making every effort to avoid walk-outs.

## Municipal Market Nearing Completion

Construction of the new municipal market at the foot of Eleventh street is progressing rapidly. Bricks baked in the District workhouse plant at Occoquan are being used. Walls of the new structure are now above the first story and last week several numbers by the score. He was one of the most popular newspapermen in the country.

Dealers are anxious to get into the building before cold weather sets in and the builders have promised to have the ground floor ready for occupancy within the next few weeks.

## "THIRTY" FOR DAN RUSSELL.

Daniel Russell, a well known newspaper man, formerly connected with the International News Service in Washington, dropped dead at his home in New York this afternoon. Mr. Russell was widely known as an author and lecturer, and his friends numbered by the score. He was one of the most popular newspapermen in the country.

Sammy Gets Valor Cross.

Paris, Sept. 24.—Raymond D. Cooke, of Denver, Col., attached to the American Ambulance Service, has received the French War Cross for removing wounded under a heavy bombardment during the French offensive at Verdun last August.

## Norfolk Mechanics Strike.

Norfolk, Sept. 24.—Five thousand mechanics at the Navy Yard here went on strike today, practically tying up the entire government work.

## PEACE MESSAGE, LEWIS THINKS MEANS ANSWERS TO MURDER CHARGE

Kaiser's Reply to the Pope Sends Hope Glimmering Says Senator.

The Kaiser's reply to the peace proposals of the Pope puts far away any idea that this country could accept such terms, said Senator Lewis, of Illinois, to the Senate yesterday.

He called the reply "a studied and deliberate effort to ignore and affront the United States."

Incidentally, the Illinois Senator lashed public men who have opposed the country's policies in time of war. No longer, said he, could they hide behind the excuse of "free speech."

"I say to any Senator on this floor," replied Senator Lewis, "as long as this reply from abroad remains so audacious and so daring, that the man who raises his voice anywhere in America in condemnation of his country's course lends himself deliberately to the support of the German Empire."

"No," he said, "that is not free speech. He cannot make that excuse. Let there be no misunderstanding. This country guarantees free speech. The patriots wrote it with their very blood into the Constitution."

"But when we speak of free speech, we mean the free speech of an American citizen. That citizen, be he official or private, who uses free speech against America is not an American to whom free speech was guaranteed."

Let that man, high or low, understand that he may not again overstep for he is, adopt a mistaken course, for in the hereafter it must be that any further opposition from him will be his decision to render his country contemptible before the world, while he elevates into glory murderers and traitors.

The Kaiser's reply to the Pope, said the Illinois man, carefully refrained from responding to any suggestion from President Wilson, or the Pope, on disarmament or freedom of the seas.

## PUT EIGHT BILLIONS IN NEW WAR BILL

Deficiency Measure Reported to the Senate Establishes Record.

Eight million dollars authorized by the urgent deficiency bill reported yesterday to the Senate. This is the largest budget ever sent up by the House. It totals \$1,200,000,000.

Expenditures added by the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the fiscal year 1918. The bill totals \$1,200,000,000.

In addition to the \$750,000,000 authorized by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, that body also added \$450,000,000 to the authorization. This sum is included in the tabulated \$1,200,000,000.

The large increase by the Senate is due largely to the appropriations asked for by the Secretaries of the Army and Navy since the bill left the House. Mr. Dyer's bill totaled \$1,150,000,000, and Mr. Daniels' \$1,100,000,000.

Senator Martin, of the Appropriations Committee, reported the bill from his committee to the Senate. Every attempt will be made to rush the urgent deficiency bill through the Senate. The House consumed about a week in discussion. But it is now said that the bill will be passed by the Senate will not be forced to take much time over it.

## DEALERS AVARICIOUS, SAYS SENATOR KING

Solon Declares Municipal Market Only Remedy—Brownlow Agrees.

Solution of the local high cost of living problem through the establishment of a municipally owned and operated wholesale market and co-operative buying at community retail prices, taken up by the Senate yesterday.

Under examination Capt. Bingham said he, the Means brothers, Mrs. King and her sister, Mrs. Melvin, had made several shooting expeditions to the mountains. The tragedy he said General had explained.

"Maude accidentally shot herself while this little fellow here," he said, "was trying to get her to shoot."

The second shot, heard by Dry, was explained by Capt. Bingham, by the statement that he inadvertently discharged his shotgun while pumping out the shells.

## BANKERS DISCUSS FOOD PROBLEM HERE

Members of Association Plan to Help Farmers.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 24.—The American Bankers' Association concentrated much of its attention today at the opening session of its annual convention, upon the need of increasing the American food supply to meet the war demand.

But while there was much discussion among various committees about reducing interest to help farmers, it was the sense of the convention that banking must remain on a business basis, war or no war, to protect the country's interests.

It was indicated that farmers may have to pay a slightly higher interest rate, inasmuch as the bankers expect to lend more freely upon a larger number of crops. Greater risks taken were permissible, it was stated will naturally dictate higher interest rates.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Pierson, who, after the war, represented Food Administrator Hoover, addressed the association's agricultural commission.

## HUN AGENTS HAD MILLIONS TO BRIBE U.S. CONGRESSMEN; BIG INVESTIGATION NOW ON

Inflamed Colleagues of Heflin Will Exact Substantiation of Charges.

EXPULSION FROM HOUSE HINTED AS SOLON'S FATE

Belief Prevalent that Congressional Investigation Will Reach Climax Soon.

Representatives Heflin, Howard and any others who feel their colleagues have been influenced by German money will soon have a chance to explain themselves. The House yesterday afternoon, in the stormiest session in years, demanded a thorough investigation.

Representative Fordney, of Michigan, introduced a resolution calling on Speaker Clark to appoint a committee of seven members to probe the statement of Heflin that thirteen or fourteen members had been acting suspiciously. This committee is to be allowed \$10,000 for the investigation and must finish its work in ten days.

Norton Started Fireworks.

Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Relations Committee, had been planning to introduce a resolution calling for a probe of the \$50,000 Bernstorff fund and its application to Congress. He was deterred, it was said yesterday, by the inebriation of the administration on the plan. Norton really started the fireworks.

"It has been evident during the past two years," declared Norton, "that there has been an attempt by certain interested and unscrupulous persons to destroy the confidence of the American people in the House of Representatives. No individual, but the whole Congress, has been charged with dishonesty, lack of ability, and corruption. The people have been given a bad opinion of Congress in that way, and they believe the charge."

"But what will they think," he asked, "when the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. Heflin, says he can point to thirteen or fourteen men who have acted suspiciously?"

"The House is the safeguard of the people of the nation," Norton declared. "It should not permit a condition to exist where even the faintest suspicion attaches to any member of the House. It would have been far better to have investigated such charges before making them before the world on the floor of this House. The gentleman from Alabama should be obliged to prove the truth of his charges, or to acknowledge their falsity."

After reading from a Washington newspaper a statement by Representative Heflin, of Alabama, to the effect that he thought he could point to some members who had profited from the slush fund, Representative Norton went on:

"I shall offer a resolution very shortly, requiring the two gentlemen I have named to prove their statements, or submit themselves to the punishment they so richly deserve."

As the House burst into applause, Heflin rose to a point of personal privilege. When Speaker Clark, after some minutes of strenuous gaveling, managed to restore order, Heflin declared he had been misquoted in the newspaper from which Norton read.

Denies Making Statement.

"I made no such statement," he declared, "that money had reached members of Congress. It seems that the House wants to take the judgment of the people, and I am interrupted."

## DISTRICT SOLDIERS TO LEAVE TOMORROW

First Contingent of 412 Will Go to Camp Meade.

The District's first contingent of 412, 65 per cent of the entire quota, will begin entraining tomorrow morning for Camp Meade to prepare for fighting in France.

The men are expected to arrive at the Union Station about 9:30 o'clock tomorrow. That is, the first eighty men, to be sent from Washington about 10 o'clock, according to the best information available. They are planned to send thirty drafted men a day until the entire 412 of the first contingent is disposed of. There are now in camp approximately 3,500 drafted men.

Upon arrival the succeeding contingents are lined up for inspection, and a few months later are on their first "hike" as members of the United States national army. It is a pretty stiff hike for the men, two-three miles through the dust to headquarters, and then perhaps a couple more to their barracks, which are as likely as not to be that far from headquarters, so vast is the military reservation.

The grinning crowd of embryo soldiers yesterday were cheerful and in good mood. Upon alighting they appeared a bit dazed by their new surroundings, and not without cause, for the military reservation is a vast place, almost as big as the entire northwest section of Washington. Instead of being one city it is really five camps, and one is easily lost in trying to find his way about.

There were some visiting civilians in camp—not many—for it is necessary to get a pass to enter its confines. Sight-seers are not encouraged.

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Baltimore, Sept. 24.—U. S. agents have seized blankets in the majority of the houses here. Thousands of the warm coverings for soldiers were commandeered to prevent desertion stores from getting them.

## 2 AMERICANS KILLED, CANADIAN LIST SHOWS

Report Also Tells of Eight Others Wounded in Action.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The Canadian casualty list today contains the names of the following Americans: Killed in action—G. P. Knight, New York.

Died of wounds—W. M. Johnson, Lansing, Mich. Prisoner of war—C. J. Steen, Methuen, Mass.

## Two Sammies Wounded As They Watch Battle Under Gen. 'Black Jack'

Paris, Sept. 24.—Two American rookies were slightly wounded by fragments of a German shell while a portion of Gen. Pershing's force was engaged in intensive training on a section of the British front close to the actual battle line.

There are now two training camps for the Americans on this part of the front, where the Sammies are seeing actual warfare in all its stages and details.

## RUSSIANS GAIN ON WEST FRONT

Sixty Prisoners and Ten Machine Guns Taken by Victors.

(By the International News Service.) London, Sept. 24.—The Russians have again triumphed successfully on the western front, north of Riga. In a brilliant local attack they captured, after fierce fighting, German positions in the sector of Silame (Silvite) thirty-five miles northeast of Riga. How bitter the struggle was and how heavily the Germans lost is indicated by the fact that the Petrograd war office said that 400 German corpses were found on the battle field. Sixty prisoners and ten machine guns were taken by the victors. "The brilliant general Jaskovskij," says the Russian official account, "was wounded in the head by shrapnel splinters."

"The success was scored far to the northwest of the Jacobstadt sector, on the Dvina, where the Germans advanced on a twenty-five mile front a few days ago, and where their present position seriously menaces Dvinsk."

Petrograd's silence concerning the situation here is taken as indication that the Russians are fully holding their own. Russian successes were won in Volhynia and on the Rumanian front.

Berlin reported today that the booty taken at Jacobstadt was large. It included stores of provisions including bread and flour.

German Killed Prisoners.

German bombs killed by German airplanes killed two German prisoners in a raid on a prison camp near the French front, French lines. The Berlin statement reported that the French continued their work of destruction against the Cathedral of Amiens, a great bombardment. Fourteen German airplanes were brought down during the last twenty-four hours, it is asserted.

The Rome war office told officially of a costly Italian counter-attack against the Italian line in the Molodova region and of successful Italian air raids. Two Austrian planes were brought down.

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## Officials Have Names.

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As long as America was not directly at war these persons were doing nothing more than turning a slightly tainted penny by tinkering with the Germans. It is now considered likely that the government will seek indictments only of those who plainly violated the laws of neutrality and that it will succeed in a divided locality. It was common gossip in the financial district of New York before Count von Bernstorff was sent out of the country, that he had made large sums of money in Wall Street for his own account and for the Kaiser's.

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## Gigantic Diplomatic Storm Gathers as Audacious Hun Operations Uncover.

Kaiser Subtly Plotted America's Destruction

Personages High in Financial and Business Circles Are Involved.

While Secretary of State Lansing was silent yesterday regarding German intrigues, it was predicted in official circles that revelations even more astounding than any yet would be forthcoming within a fortnight—this time revealing a slush fund of millions with which Germany sought to entice this country in war with at least two other nations.

Evidence to this effect is said to be now in the hands of the investigators of the Department of Justice. A list of men and firms who have been aiding in a large way German propagandist plots is now in the possession of the Department of Justice.

Anxious to Convict.

It is said that indictments are looked for of some men high in financial and business circles; that such a step will be taken rather than an exposure of the names of all who are mentioned. The government now wants to convict the guilty.

Supposedly the State Department has been put in possession of the facts; or it will be within a few days. At any rate official Washington is looking for the real climax to the stories of German duplicity, intrigue and crime that have been committed here, while the perpetrators have been pretending friendship for this nation and its people.

Large Sums Involved.

While the vast sum mentioned seems out of proportion to the individual amounts that it is known German agents have received, it is said that the efforts to make trouble between the United States, Mexico, and Japan, it has been known for many months that Franz von Juchacz, a British prince, boasted that he had been authorized to expend \$10,000,000 in fomenting trouble between the United States and Mexico.

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